

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS - DECLAS 12/31/84

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE REQUEST

REF: USICA 17075

1. SENATOR JOHN GLENN WAS QUOTED LAST WEEK IN AUSTRALIAN PRESS AS HAVING TOLD GOA FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK THAT CURRENT INDONESIAN MILITARY MOVEMENTS ALONG THE IRIAN JAYAN BORDER COULD LEAD TO CURTAILMENT OF USG MILITARY SALES TO GOI.
2. LOCAL AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION (ABC) CORRESPONDENT GEOFF HERRIOT CLAIMS TO HAVE CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF GLENN QUOTE WITH SOURCE CLOSE TO PEACOCK.
3. HE ALSO ASKED ME WHAT USG IS DOING TO DISCOURAGE GOI BOMBING AND OTHER MILITARY OPERATIONS NEAR IRIAN JAYAN BORDER. TOLD HIM THAT GOI ACTIVITIES WITHIN ITS OWN BOUNDARIES ARE INDONESIAN DOMESTIC PROBLEM, AND THUS I WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT.

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4. BACKGROUND: INDONESIAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN IRIAN JAYA ARE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO MANY PAPUA NEW GUINEANS, WHO FEAR THAT GOI WILL DO HERE WHAT IT DID IN EAST TIMOR. THE ISSUE ALSO PRESENTS DILEMMA FOR CURRENT GPNG ADMINISTRATION. CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY FEAR THAT EVEN TACIT GPNG SUPPORT FOR IRIAN JAYAN REBELS WILL PROVOKE GOI WRATH; WHILE ADMINISTRATION CRITICS CONTEND GPNG IS IGNORING ITS MELANESIAN BROTHERS. USG IS CRITICIZED

REGULARLY IN MEDIA AND BY CONCERNED PAPUA NEW GUINEANS FOR PROVIDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO GOI FOR USE ALONG BORDER.

5. ASSUME OUR EMBASSY IN JAKARTA IS IN FACT TRYING TO MODERATE GOI ACTIVITIES ALONG BORDER. MAKING THAT POINT WITH LOCAL PRESS WOULD BE TEMPORARILY POPULAR, BUT IT COULD ALSO LEAD TO INFLATED EXPECTATIONS ABOUT USG ABILITY TO INFLUENCE INDON ACTIONS AND ULTIMATELY LEAD TO MORE TROUBLE THAN WE NOW HAVE.

6. IN ANY CASE, QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT USG IS DOING TO LIMIT GOI USE OF AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN IRIAN JAYA WILL NO DOUBT BE RAISED HERE IN FUTURE. REQUEST AGENCY GUIDANCE IN HANDLING. ALSO, PLEASE SEND ANY ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS RELATED TO PROBLEM BY USINFO-- WIRELESS FILE RECEPTION IS STILL IRREGULAR.  
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